

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Statistical Data for January 2007

Region 8

March 2007

JANUARY UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(preliminary not seasonally adjusted)

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AREA	1/07(p)	12/06	1/06
U.S.	5.0%	4.3%	5.1%
INDIANA	5.8%	4.7%	5.4%
EGR 8*	5.8%	4.6%	5.7%
Bloomington MSA**	5.2%	4.1%	5.3%
Brown	6.8%	4.6%	7.0%
Daviess	4.0%	3.3%	4.1%
Greene	6.4%	5.2%	6.8%
Lawrence	8.6%	7.1%	7.9%
Martin	5.2%	4.2%	5.8%
Monroe	4.7%	3.7%	4.7%
Orange	7.7%	5.9%	7.2%
Owen	6.5%	4.9%	6.4%
Bedford	12.1%	9.9%	11.5%
Bloomington	4.0%	3.2%	3.8%
Linton	9.8%	8.7%	9.9%
Loogootee	7.1%	6.4%	8.6%
Nashville	19.4%	13.0%	19.7%
Paoli	8.3%	7.1%	8.5%
Spencer	15.8%	13.3%	17.0%
Washington	5.6%	4.6%	5.3%



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REGIONAL, STATE, & METROPOLITAN UNEMPLOYMENT

*EGR 8 includes Brown, Daviess, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange, and Owen Counties. **Bloomington MSA includes Greene, Monroe, and Owen Counties.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING by COUNTY (High to Low)

RANK – JAN 2007	COUNTY	JAN 2007 RATE (p)
1	Crawford	9.3%
3	Lawrence	8.6%
9	Orange	7.7%
26	Brown	6.8%
34	Owen	6.5%
36	Greene	6.4%
70	Martin	5.2%
83	Monroe	4.7%
89	Daviess	4.0%
92	Hamilton	3.6%

SURROUNDING STATES JANUARY 2007

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(Preliminary Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Illinois – 5.2% Indiana – 5.8% Kentucky – 6.3% Michigan – 7.7% Ohio – 6.2%

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in January. Overall, 26 states and the District of Columbia recorded over-the-month unemployment rate decreases, 18 states registered increases, and only 6 states had no change reported the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 36 states, up in 10 states and the District of Columbia, and unchanged in 4 states.

Hawaii again recorded the lowest unemployment rate at 2.2 percent in January. Michigan reported the highest unemployment rate at 6.9 percent.

Unemployment rates were lower in January than a year earlier in 179 of the 369 metropolitan areas, higher in 156 areas, and unchanged in 34 areas. Fourteen metropolitan areas registered jobless rates below 3.0 percent while 7 areas recorded rates of at least 10.0 percent

Honolulu, Hawaii had the lowest unemployment rate at 2.0 percent. El Centro, California, a highly agricultural area, registered the highest unemployment rate at 14.9 percent.

BLOOMINGTON MSA

(Greene, Monroe, and Owen Counties in Indiana)



WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT

	JAN 2007	DEC 2006	JAN 2006	DEC 2006 TO JAN 2007	CHANGE FROM DEC 2006 TO JAN 2007	JAN 2006 TO JAN 2007	
Total Nonfarm	81,300	84,000	80,800	-2,700	-3.2%	+500	+0.6%
Goods Producing	13,300	13,600	13,000	-300	-2.2%	+300	+2.3%
Natural Resources, Mining, & Construction	3,900	4,100	3,900	-200	-4.9%	+0	+0.0%
Manufacturing	9,400	9,500	9,100	-100	-1.1%	+300	+3.3%
Durable Goods	6,900	7,000	6,600	-100	-1.4%	+300	+4.5%
Service Providing	68,000	70,400	67,800	-2,400	-3.4%	+200	+0.3%
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	12,700	13,100	12,400	-400	-3.1%	+300	+2.4%
Wholesale Trade	2,000	2,000	1,900	+0	+0.0%	+100	+5.3%
Retail Trade	9,100	9,500	9,100	-400	-4.2%	+0	+0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	1,600	1,600	1,400	+0	+0.0%	+200	+14.3%
Information	1,300	1,300	1,300	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Financial Activities	2,900	2,900	2,900	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Professional & Business Services	6,500	6,700	6,100	-200	-3.0%	+400	+6.6%
Educational & Health Services	9,300	9,600	9,300	-300	-3.1%	+0	+0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality Services	7,500	7,800	7,700	-300	-3.8%	-200	-2.6%
Other Services	2,700	2,700	2,800	+0	+0.0%	-100	-3.6%
Government	25,100	26,300	25,300	-1,200	-4.6%	-200	-0.8%
Federal Government	600	600	600	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
State Government	18,000	18,900	18,000	-900	-4.8%	+0	+0.0%
Local Government	6,500	6,800	6,700	-300	-4.4%	-200	-3.0%
Local Government Education	3,400	3,600	3,600	-200	-5.6%	-200	-5.6%

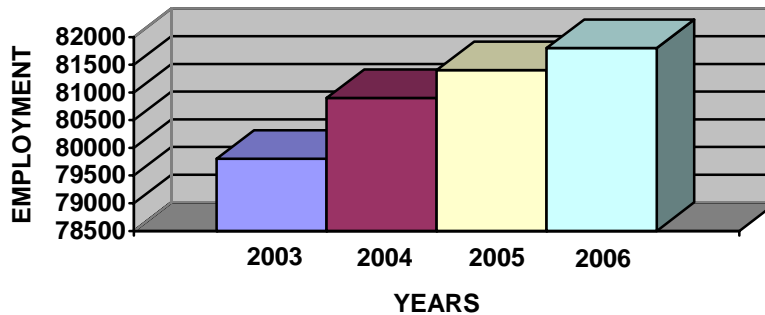
BLOOMINGTON MSA WAGE & SALARIED EMPLOYMENT ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT, 2003 - 2006



	2003	2004	2005	2006	NUMERICAL CHANGE 2003 - 2006	PERCENT CHANGE 2003 - 2006
TOTAL NONFARM	79,800	80,900	81,400	81,800	2,000	2.5%
Natural Resources, Mining, & Construction	4,100	4,300	4,300	4,300	200	4.9%
Manufacturing	9,300	9,400	9,200	9,300	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	12,600	12,700	12,600	12,500	-100	-0.8%
Information Services	1,200	1,300	1,300	1,300	100	8.3%
Financial Activities	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	5,500	5,800	6,200	6,400	900	16.4%
Educational & Health Services	9,100	9,300	9,500	9,400	300	3.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	7,900	8,000	8,000	7,900	0	0.0%
Other Services	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0.0%
Government	24,400	24,300	24,700	24,800	400	1.6%

Notes for both tables: Current month data are preliminary. Data are rounded and may not add to total. Data are based on 2006 benchmark and subject to benchmarking in 2008.
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics Program in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

BLOOMINGTON MSA ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT, 2003-2006



LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is:

<http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>

Economic Growth Region 8 Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWIs) 3rd Quarter 2005

QWI	GENDER		
	BOTH	MALE	FEMALE
Total Employment	108,516	53,236	55,279
Net Job Flows	257	131	127
Job Creation	7,137	3,996	3,709
New Hires	21,700	10,990	10,710
Separations	26,665	13,702	12,963
Turnover	10.6%	10.8%	10.4%
Avg. Monthly Earnings	\$2,727	\$3,337	\$2,145
Ave. New Hire Earnings	\$1,622	\$1,957	\$1,287

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, Local Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD), Local Employment Dynamics (LED), Industry Focus, 3rd Quarter 2005.

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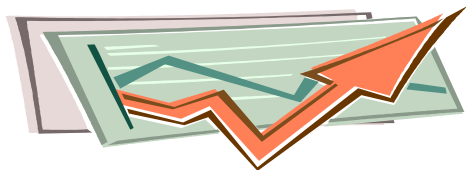
Unadjusted percent change to January 2007 from:

	January 06	December 06
U.S. City Average		
All Items	2.1%	.3%
Food & Beverages	2.4%	.9%
Housing	3.0%	.6%
Apparel	.9%	-2.2%
Transportation	-.8%	-.5%
Medical Care	4.3%	1.0%
Recreation	1.0%	.2%
Education & Communication	1.8%	-.2%
Other Goods & Services	3.5%	.8%
Midwest Region (All Items)*	1.2%	.1%



*Midwest Region = Midwest Urban Average. Expenditure categories are not available on a regional basis. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



MONTHLY COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY OFFICE

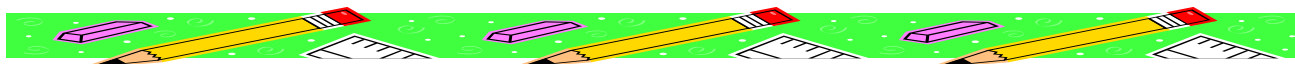
<u>Local Office</u>	<u>Jan. 2007</u>	<u>Dec. 2006</u>	<u>Jan. 2006</u>	<u>Previous Month % Change</u>	<u>Previous Year % Change</u>
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INITIAL CLAIMS

Bedford	1,011	1,172	1,099	-13.7%	-8.0%
Bloomington	1,182	1,696	1,022	-30.3%	15.7%
Linton	421	463	416	-9.1%	1.2%
Indiana	55,203	58,550	49,331	-5.7%	11.9%

TOTAL CLAIMS

Bedford	8,111	5,907	8,410	37.3%	-3.6%
Bloomington	9,987	7,724	10,434	29.3%	-4.3%
Linton	3,205	2,301	3,470	39.3%	-7.6%
Indiana	427,630	298,213	389,630	43.4%	9.8%



REGION 8 JOB OPENINGS

The following hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in Economic Growth Region 8 (Bedford, Bloomington, and Linton) received during January 2007. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal reports software. Occupations are listed in descending order based on number of openings.

SELECTED JANUARY 2007 JOB OPENINGS & STARTING WAGES FOR REGION 8

OCCUPATIONAL TITLES	MINIMUM WAGE	AVERAGE WAGE	MAXIMUM WAGE
General Office Clerks	\$5.15	\$9.97	\$16.59
Receptionists/Information Clerks	6.75	10.99	16.20
Cook: Short Order	5.15	6.64	8.00
Administrative Assistants	8.00	13.37	18.00
Secretaries	5.15	9.24	16.20
Cashiers, General	5.15	6.72	9.00
Order Clerks	6.75	12.33	18.00
Accounting Clerks	5.25	9.36	12.15
Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	5.15	7.83	11.00
Production Helpers & Laborers	9.10	9.78	10.00
Janitors & Cleaners	5.15	7.39	9.65
Stock Clerks, Sales Floor	6.75	7.17	8.00
Cash Accounting Clerks	6.79	7.43	8.00
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	8.00	13.00	18.00
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$14.00



REGION 8* APPLICANT POOL

January 28, 2007



The Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between applicants seeking work and employers looking for new employees. **Applicant Pool** provides a numerical ranking of the top jobs being sought by applicants.

<u>REGION 8 JOB TITLES</u>	<u>NUMBER OF APPLICANTS</u>
Assemblers	3,220
Production Laborers	1,970
Cashiers, General	1,148
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	1,124
All Other Hand Workers	1,096
All Other Machine Operators	1,095
General Office Clerks	1,080
Hand Packers & Packagers	1,033
Production Helpers	1,014
Receptionists/Information Clerks	887
File Clerks	830
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	792
All Other Precision Assemblers	753
Helpers: Other Construction Trades	704
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	703
Laborers, Landscaping & Groundskeeping	698
Order Fillers – Wholesale/Retail Sales	689
Administrative Assistants	676
Salespersons: Retail	652
Machine Assemblers	626

The pool of applicants who are registered in the CS3 system is examined each week. The data are available from the state level to the county level. For other areas, check out our web site: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov> under Applicant Pool on the Site Map/Index.

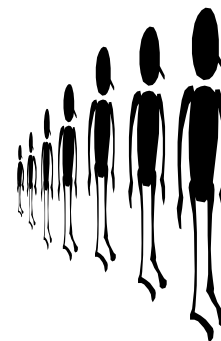


ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 8* WAGE DEMAND

The Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between job applicants seeking work and employers looking for new employees. **Wage Demand** provides the applicants' desired wages and the number of applicants registered in CS3. The pool of applicants who are registered in the CS3 system is examined each week. Applicants define their wage expectations for the work that they would like to obtain. An average wage demand and median wage demand are calculated for the selected geographical area. The data are available from the state level to the county level. For other areas, check out our web site: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov> under Wage Demand on the Site Map/Index. *EGR 8 includes Brown, Daviess, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange, and Owen Counties.



AREA (1/28/07)	Average Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand	Number of Applicants
EGR 8	\$22,555	\$17,680	9,804
Brown	\$25,992	\$20,800	387
Daviess	\$19,329	\$17,680	529
Greene	\$18,569	\$16,640	1,636
Lawrence	\$23,924	\$18,720	2,319
Martin	\$21,441	\$20,176	212
Monroe	\$22,540	\$17,160	3,222
Orange	\$29,488	\$18,720	679
Owen	\$21,893	\$18,720	820



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Counties.



Carol Williams, Regional Market Analyst for Economic Growth Regions 9 and 10, retired in March 2007.

The analysts serving the different regions are being realigned to provide continued coverage for each region. Economic Growth Region 8 will be covered by Kim Stevenson. She has worked for IDWD for a total of eight years—three years as a Regional Market Analyst. She was previously an employee of the Workforce Investment Act Service Provider for 12 years.

The enclosed map provides contact information for the new re-alignment.

ORANGE COUNTY UPDATE

In 2005, Orange County had 387 business units and 6,323 jobs. The largest employing industry in the county was manufacturing with almost 23 percent of total industry employment. Education and health services (including both public and private employment) came in second with nearly 22 percent of total industry employment. Education and health services (including both public and private employment) showed the most job growth since 2001, increasing 70 jobs or 5.3 percent. The industry with the largest percentage gain was professional and business services at 32.4 percent (61 jobs).

The 2005 all industry earnings average for Orange County was \$26,077, up \$3,257 or 14.3 percent over the county's 2001 average. The construction industry had the highest average annual earnings of \$41,905, increasing \$4,255 since 2001. Annual earnings in the natural resources and mining sector increased the most between 2001 and 2005, up \$4,521.

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT & EARNINGS

NAICS INDUSTRY	2005 # OF FIRMS	2005 EMPLOYMENT	2005 EARNINGS
Total Employment	387	6,323	\$26,977
Natural Resources & Mining	12	119	\$35,503
Construction	47	677	\$41,905
Manufacturing	29	1,443	\$29,277
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	101	1,046	\$23,366
Information	10	60	\$23,600
Financial Activities	22	117	\$24,144
Professional & Business Services	32	249	\$21,387
Education & Health Services (inc. both public and private facilities)	45	1,386	\$25,095
Leisure & Hospitality Services	37	752	\$13,628
Other Services	29	120	\$15,406
Public Administration	25	355	\$25,924

Source: Quarterly Employment and Payrolls, Research & Analysis.

INDIANA'S LABOR MARKET INFORMATION WEBSITE

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